



SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2025

The Senior Center Committee members convened in person at Kelly Senior Center, Art Room, 6100 S. Lake Drive Cudahy, WI 53205, with a hybrid options.

Members Present

Commissioner Eugene Guszkowski,
Chair
Vice Chair, Comm, Crocker
Stephenson
Commissioner Mark Behar
Alice Steuck Konkel
Howard Snyder
Kent Mayfield

Members Excused

Comm. Amber Miller
Cheri Swenson
Ramona Dicks Williams
Ted Rehl
Commissioner Terrence R. Moore Sr.

Staff Present

Daniel Idzikowski *DHHS*
Emily Kenny-*DHHS*
Jill Knight-*DHHS*
Migdalia Pacheco *DHHS*
Ortrialla Paris, *DHHS*

Attendees from the Public

Vera Ford
Shannon Downie-SOA
Claudia Levens
Katie Sanders
Mike Vanblaricum SOA
Molly Walloch
Oliva

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Eugene Guszkowski called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Program Coordinator Jill Knight gave the roll call. A quorum of Council members was not present at the time the roll was called but shortly thereafter.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2025, SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To accept the October 3, 2025, Senior Center Committee meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Mayfield Moved, Konkel Second)

III. PRESENTATION ON IDEAS FOR EXECUTION OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SENIOR CENTER REVITALIZATION

Katie Sanders gave a presentation on the MKE HUBS Operationalizing the plan to reimaging the senior centers

- Goal 1 Building Maintenance: Maintain and enhance current and future senior center buildings to ensure accessibility, functionality, and quality.
- Goal 2 Self-Governing Programs: Strengthen and promote self-governing programs as a primary model, emphasizing community building and volunteerism.
- Goal 3 Programmatic Partnerships: Develop diverse partnerships to support the HUBS report vision and create revenue opportunities.
- Goal 4 Messaging Strategy: Work with professionals to design a messaging strategy and materials that improve advocacy and outreach.
- Goal 5 Fiscal Sustainability: Establish a collective non-profit agency to support long-term sustainability and reduce reliance on public funding.

IV. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SENIOR CENTERS

Dan Idzikowski Director of Aging Services provided updates on the development and maintenance of senior centers, including Washington Park, Wilson, McGovern, and Kelly. First phase of constructions has started at Clinton Rose. Wilson-upgrade completed in HVAC and control systems. An informational update on the status of McGovern Senior Center will be held November 11th, 2025, at Clinton Rose Senior Center.

V. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SENIOR CENTERS

Director of Strategic Initiatives and Transformation Emily Kenny suggested forming small groups to focus on tangible steps for each goal between the Senior Center committee meetings. These groups would report their progress and receive support during the meetings. Daniel Idzikowski provided updates on the ongoing development and maintenance projects at Washington Park, Wilson, Clinton Rose, McGovern, and Kelly senior centers. Notably, the County has partnered with a developer and the City of South Milwaukee to redevelop a building on the former Bucyrus industrial campus into a modern Senior Center, with a tour scheduled for September 23rd. The committee also raised concerns about Milwaukee County's long-term funding commitment for senior centers and

discussed the need for advocacy and the potential establishment of a supporting foundation.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Sincerely,

Ortrialla Paris
Administrative Assistant